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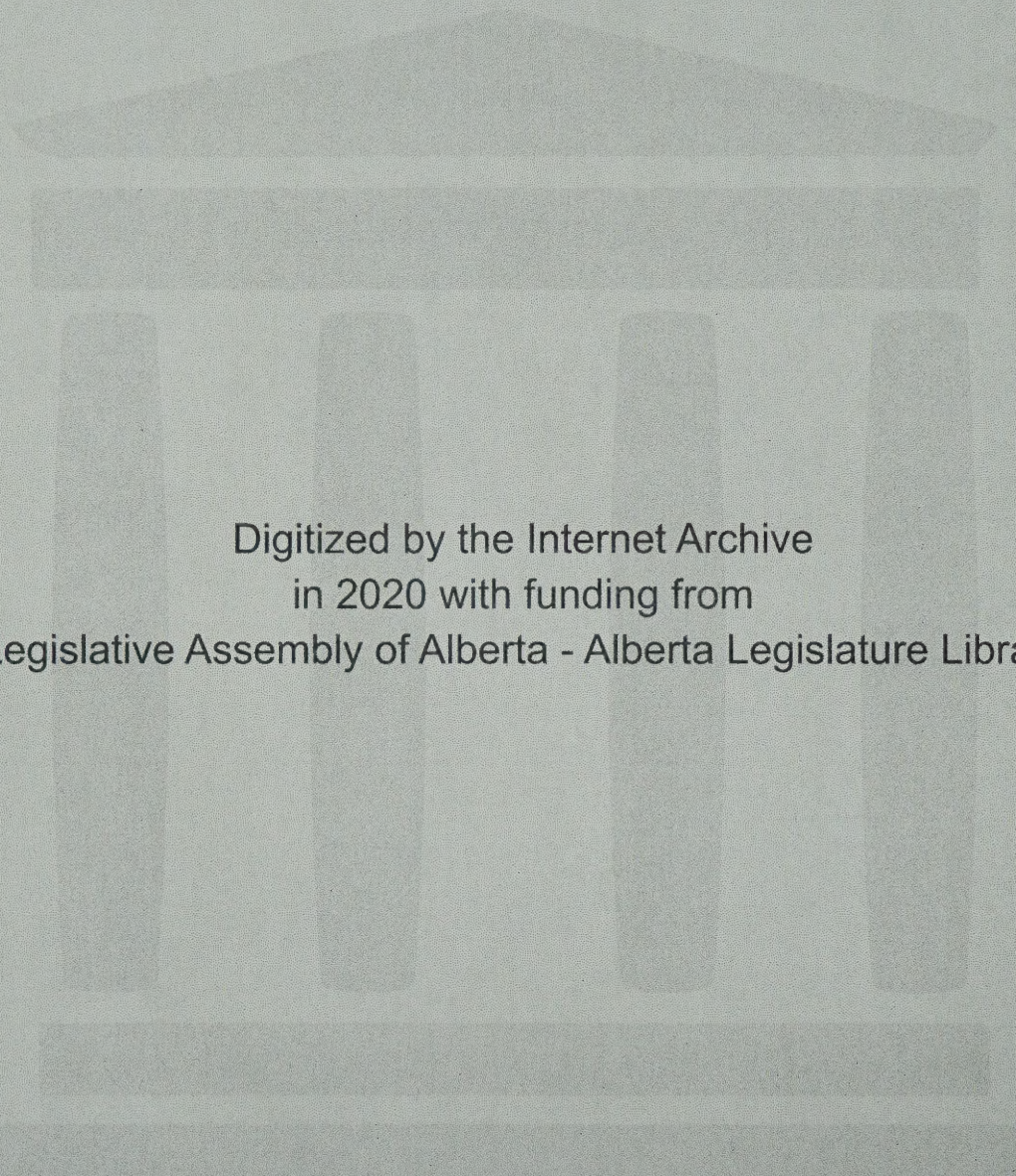
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FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ALBERTA RACING COMMISSION

JANUARY 1, 1967 - DECEMBER 31, 1967

This is the fifth annual report of the Alberta Racing Commission. It provides a review of horse racing and harness racing and the activities of the Commission for the calendar year 1967.

THE RACING SEASON

1. HURDLES

There were twelve hurdle races and one hundred and fifty days of racing with provincial racing in 1967, compared to ten hurdle races and one hundred and thirty days of racing in 1966. The following table shows the results:-

	Days of Racing	Days of Racing
Calgary	10	41 (41)
Edmonton	10	41 (41)
Wetaskiwin	10	41 (41)
High River	10	41 (41)
Stettin	10	41 (41)
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JANUARY 1, 1967 - DECEMBER 31, 1967

Complete statistical information is contained in the following:-

To: Honourable Ambrose Holowach,
Provincial Secretary,
Province of Alberta.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
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This is the Fifth Annual Report of the Alberta Racing Commission. It provides a review of Thoroughbred and Harness racing and the activities of the Commission for the calendar year 1967.

THOROUGHBRED RACING

1. MEETINGS

There were twelve race meetings and one hundred and five days of racing with pari-mutuel wagering in 1967, compared to ten meetings and ninety-five days of racing in 1966 as follows (1966 figures in brackets):-

	<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Days of Racing</u>
Calgary	3 (3)	45 (42)
Edmonton	3 (3)	44 (40)
Lethbridge	1 (1)	9 (8)
High River	1 -	1 -
Lake McGregor	1 (1)	2 (2)
Millarville	1 (1)	1 (1)
Stettler	1 (1)	2 (2)
Taber	1 -	1 -

Complete statistical information is attached hereto in

Schedule (A) which forms a part of this Report.

2. LICENSES

The Commission continued its established practice and licensed all Associations conducting race meetings and all personnel directly connected with the running of races during the year covered by this Report. Licenses issued and license fees collected in 1967 were as follows:

Race Meetings:

Calgary Exhibition & Stampede Ltd., Calgary	\$ 15,300.00
Edmonton Exhibition Association Ltd., Edmonton	18,480.00
Southern Alberta Racing Association Ltd., Lethbridge	1,620.00
High River Agricultural Society, High River	50.00
Lake McGregor Memorial Park Association, Lake McGregor	100.00
Millarville Racing & Sports Association, Millarville	50.00
Stettler Light Horse Association, Stettler	100.00
Taber Rodeo Association, Taber	50.00
	<u>\$ 35,750.00</u>

Personnel:

660 Owners & Owner-Trainers	\$ 6,680.00
63 Trainers	630.00
70 Stable Names	700.00
45 Jockeys & Apprentice Jockeys	225.00
21 Jockeys' Agents	105.00
44 Authorized Agents	44.00
84 Exercise Boys	86.50
360 Groom & Stable Employees	365.00
11 Veterinarians	55.00
1 Veterinarian's Assistant	1.00
10 Platers (Blacksmiths)	10.00
	<u>\$ 8,901.50</u>

3. RACE OFFICIALS

For the fourth year in succession, Mr. Clay Puett rep-

represented the Commission at Thoroughbred race meetings conducted at Edmonton and Calgary. He also represented the Commission at the Thoroughbred meeting conducted at Lethbridge this year. In his capacity as Commission Steward, Mr. Puett continued to give the Commission in particular and Thoroughbred racing in general the benefit of his long and varied background in this particular sport, as well as his intimate knowledge of many of the horses, horsemen, and other racing personnel associated with racing in Alberta. The Commission cannot emphasize too strongly the importance it places on the need for men of proven ability and integrity to supervise the conduct of race meetings. The Commission is singularly fortunate, therefore, in having the continued services of Mr. Clay Puett available to serve in the important position of Steward representing the Commission at the principal Thoroughbred race meetings conducted in this Province. The Commission's Steward had associated with him at the Thoroughbred meetings conducted at the three cities named earlier in this paragraph two Stewards who represented the Associations licensed to conduct the meetings. This is a Commission requirement and together the three Stewards acted as a panel in their supervision of the conduct of the race meetings. The Commission is pleased to be able to report that complete harmony and unanimity of purpose in the discharge of the Stewards' duties prevailed throughout the season.

Dr. J. Gordon Anderson, D.V.M., Calgary, once again acted as Veterinarian representing the Commission at all meetings conducted at the three major centres. The Commission continued to enjoy the benefits of Dr. Anderson's professional abilities, training and experience and his numerous actions, recommendations and suggestions for

the betterment of the horses and all personnel associated with the racing of Thoroughbreds in this Province.

In addition to the foregoing personnel, the Commission was also represented by Mr. Ralph Haig at all tracks while Thoroughbred racing was in progress. Mr. Haig was responsible for the licensing and numerous clerical and statistical requirements of the Commission and his duties were performed in an efficient, co-operative manner.

4. STEWARDS' RULINGS

The Stewards issued sixty-three Rulings against licensed personnel for infractions or violations of the Rules of the Commission governing Thoroughbred racing. The infractions or violations of the Rules included thirty-three for careless or faulty riding, 12 for improper or inappropriate dress, 14 for improper behaviour, 2 for improper medication of horses, 1 for financial irresponsibility and one for a positive test of an official sample. All Rulings were reviewed by the Commission and were in keeping with the severity of the infractions or violations of the Rules involved and in keeping with established turf procedures. It is gratifying to the Commission to note that while the total number of the Stewards' Rulings in 1967 showed a substantial increase over the total of thirty-five Rulings issued in 1966, the increase was entirely due to infractions of a relatively minor nature. The 1967 figures reflect, in part, a greater diligence on the part of the Stewards to see that all the Rules of the Commission are fulfilled in their entirety, regardless of the importance and interpretation which may be placed on them by licensed racing personnel. Of the 989

official samples which were submitted to and tested by the Chemists, only one test proved to be positive. The test of the official sample in question revealed the presence of procaine and/or a derivative thereof, which drug or substance could have affected the performance of a horse. This is in direct violation of one of the Rules governing Thoroughbred racing and a Rule upon which the Commission places great emphasis, in the public good. The violation of this Rule resulted in the Owner-Trainer involved being suspended from all racing and the privileges of the grounds of all race tracks for a period of sixty days. In addition, all of the horses owned and/or trained by the suspended Owner-Trainer were denied entry until such time as they had been sold or transferred to the satisfaction of the Stewards, or the Commission.

The foregoing is an indication to the Commission that Thoroughbred racing in Alberta in 1967 was singularly free from serious malpractices which can be detected by analyses of official samples, or by observation and detection by the Commission Steward and his Associate Stewards and other Commission and race meeting officials. The Commission is of the opinion that the improved conduct of licensed personnel associated with Thoroughbred racing in Alberta could be the result of several factors. These factors might include (a) a better understanding by horsemen and other licensed personnel of the Rules and other requirements of the Commission, (b) the strict supervision being provided by the Commission's officials, the security personnel employed by the Associations conducting race meetings and the Government of Canada in their administration of the Criminal Code, (c) a growing awareness and appreciation of the importance the Commission places on the observance of its Rules and (d) a growing appreciation by all horsemen and other

The following information is provided for your reference:

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5. The fifth section provides information on the roles and responsibilities of the staff involved.

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7. The seventh section outlines the process for addressing complaints and concerns.

8. The eighth section provides information on the contact details for the relevant departments.

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10. The tenth section outlines the process for handling emergencies and incidents.

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racing personnel of the importance of establishing and maintaining high moral standards and exemplary ethical conduct, which practices can be reflected in improved public support, increased pari-mutuel wagering and better financial rewards to all concerned. However, practices and procedures do persist and can develop which the Commission feels are not in the best interests of the general public, including the horsemen themselves. Therefore, the Commission would like to repeat that it intends to maintain its vigilance, to press with vigour its efforts to control and eliminate all practices which are detrimental to racing and not in the public interest and to deal severely with those who violate the Rules of the Commission governing same.

5. GENERAL

The statistical information forming part of this Report as Schedule "A" reflects a continued growth and public acceptance of Thoroughbred racing in Alberta. Pari-mutuel wagering at \$24,662,188.00 in 1967 showed an increase of \$3,707,963.00 over the total of \$20,954,225.00 wagered in the previous year. However, the Commission feels it is well to point out that a similar satisfactory situation did not prevail elsewhere in Canada. Dominion Department of Agriculture statistics reveal that pari-mutuel wagering by 3,504,003 patrons at 568 days of Thoroughbred racing in Canada in 1967 amounted to \$184,391,434.00 as against a total of \$184,682,860.00 wagered by 3,586,130 patrons at 527 days of racing in 1966, or a decrease of \$291,426.00 in pari-mutuel wagering by 82,127 fewer patrons. This situation is well known to those who are responsible for the conduct of Thoroughbred racing in

Canada and is a matter of considerable concern to them. It is resulting in no improvement if not a loss of revenue to all concerned, including Governments, race track operators and horsemen. Continued studies of the situation are being made in an effort to determine the cause and to effect remedies. The statistics and possible trends are worthy of the thoughtful consideration of all concerned.

It is of some satisfaction to the Commission and must be gratifying to the operators concerned to note that while pari-mutuel wagering increased at all major Thoroughbred meetings in Alberta in 1967, the meeting at Lethbridge showed a particularly satisfactory improvement. Wagering for the 9 days of racing conducted this year was \$568,434.00 compared to \$434,382.00 for the 8 days of racing conducted in 1966. The improvement can be attributed to several factors, amongst them being ideal weather conditions throughout the period of the meeting, a buoyant economy in the Southern city, a growing understanding and appreciation of racing with pari-mutuel wagering, a more satisfactory number of suitable horses for the meeting and excellent management and supervision. A great deal of credit for much of the success of this meeting is due the Southern Alberta Racing Association Ltd., who are responsible for the conduct of this particular meeting. The race meetings conducted at Calgary and Edmonton continue to be well managed and supervised by the Western Canada Racing Association Ltd. This Association is ever alert to public demands and needs and is constantly striving to meet same wherever reasonable and within the limits of time and available funds. All officials charged with the conduct of thoroughbred racing in Alberta continue to be conscious of their responsibility to the horsemen and general public alike and put forth a sincere effort to maintain and improve the image of racing in the public good.

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Secondly, the document outlines the process for reconciling the accounts. It states that the ledger should be balanced at the end of each month to identify any discrepancies. If a difference is found, it should be investigated immediately to determine the cause and correct the error.

Thirdly, the document addresses the issue of budgeting. It suggests that a detailed budget should be prepared at the beginning of each year to guide the financial planning. This budget should be reviewed regularly to ensure that the organization is staying on track and making adjustments as needed.

Finally, the document concludes by stressing the need for transparency and accountability. It encourages the management to provide regular reports to the board of directors and to the public, ensuring that all financial activities are open to scrutiny.

HARNESS RACING

6. MEETINGS

The Commission originally received and approved applications for a total of fifty-two days of Harness racing with pari mutuel wagering to be conducted in Alberta in 1967 - 10 days to be conducted at Calgary and 42 days at Edmonton. Permission was granted only after the Commission had made a thorough investigation and study of the availability of a satisfactory number of suitable horses for a schedule of racing of this size and on the distinct understanding that a minimum of 450 horses would be available for the Edmonton meeting. The operators of the approved race meetings subsequently requested permission to cancel the Calgary meeting. The reason given was the extremely small number of horses being offered to participate in the meeting and the unsatisfactory race meeting and financial loss that would result. The Commission approved the cancellation. As a result only one race meeting and 42 days of racing with pari-mutuel wagering were conducted in Alberta in 1967, compared to two meetings and fifty-three days of racing in 1966 as follows (1966 figures in brackets):-

	<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Days of Racing</u>
Calgary	- (1)	- (11)
Edmonton	1 (1)	42 (42)

7. LICENSES

The Rules of the Commission governing Harness racing require that all those who conduct race meetings, or who are directly associated with the running of races, shall be licensed by the Commission. Licenses issued and license fees collected in 1967 were as follows:

Race Meeting:

Western Harness Raceways Ltd., Edmonton

\$ 8,820.00

Personnel:-

Owners, Trainers, Drivers, Exercise Boys, Grooms,
Hot Walkers, Veterinarians, Veterinarian Assistants
and Platers - 336 Licensees

481.00

8. RACE OFFICIALS

The same officials as were employed in 1966 were re-appointed and represented the Commission at the 1967 harness race meeting. They were Dr. Roy Saito, D.V.M., Leduc, who acted as Commission Veterinarian, Mr. Don. Stewart, Edmonton, Commission Judge and Mr. Ralph Haig, Commission Licensing Officer and Clerk. The Commission continues to place emphasis on the importance of qualified, efficient officials to represent the Commission and to supervise the conduct of harness racing in Alberta. It is a relatively new sport in this Province and the Commission is determined that it shall be conducted in a satisfactory manner, in the public good. The Commission is also convinced of the need and desirability of developing and employing Alberta citizens in racing in this province, wherever possible. The services rendered by the officials named were highly satisfactory and in the best interests of harness racing in this province.

9. JUDGES' RULINGS

The Judges issued twenty-four Rulings involving Licensees for infractions of the Rules of the Canadian Trotting Association under whose Rules (in conjunction with the Rules of this Commission) Harness racing is conducted in Alberta. This compared to a total of forty-one Rulings issued in 1966. The 1967 Rulings included 13 penalties imposed

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for poor driving and for impeding or interfering with the progress of other horses in races, four for driving in a careless or reckless manner, 5 for improper conduct in the handling of horses programmed to race, 1 for a violation of the Claiming Rules and 1 for improper personal conduct. The penalties imposed by the Judges' Rulings for infractions or violations of the Rules governing Harness racing included either suspensions from racing or monetary fines, or a combination of the two and for varying amounts of money and periods of time. All were in keeping with the penalties provided by the Rules and the nature and severity of the violations or infractions involved.

It was gratifying to the Commission to note that Rulings or penalties for infractions of the Rules governing Harness racing were considerably less in number in 1967 than they were in 1966. More important and more gratifying still is the fact that the 1967 violations of the Rules were of a relatively minor nature. No incidents involving the improper or misuse of a substance to affect the performance of a horse in a race came to the attention of the Judges, or were revealed by the testing of official samples. Neither was any improper betting by licensed personnel detected or brought to the attention of the Judges or the security personnel, as was the case in 1966. The absence of reported or detected major malpractices or violations of the Rules governing Harness racing is a creditable reflection on the conduct and efficiency of all concerned, including the horsemen themselves and the racing officials involved.

10. GENERAL

As indicated previously, before granting approval for

harness racing with pari-mutuel wagering to be conducted in Alberta in 1967, the Commission placed considerable stress on the importance of a sufficient number of suitable horses being available for the proposed meeting of forty-two days to be conducted at Edmonton. In doing so, it was guided by the experience of previous years when an insufficient number and some unsatisfactory horses were available for racing. This was not in the best interests of the development of harness racing in this Province and certainly was not in the best interests of the betting public. The Commission also had in mind that the unsatisfactory overlapping of dates with harness racing in Manitoba and the consequent division of the available horses between the two meetings would no doubt prevail again in 1967. With these facts in mind and before granting approval for the proposed 1967 harness racing, the Commission held several meetings and exchanged considerable correspondence with all concerned with harness racing in the Province, including the race meeting operators, Western Harness Raceways Ltd., the Canadian Trotting Association and the Alberta Standardbred Horse Association. It is gratifying to be able to report that all were conscious of the problems involved and the position of the Commission in its responsibility to the general public and a sincere effort was put forth to overcome same. On this basis approval for the 1967 harness racing was granted and as a result of the combined efforts of those named, the number of horses available and entered for racing at Edmonton in 1967 came closer to the number and quality stipulated by the Commission as being essential in the public good than had occurred previously. For the future and for the public good the Commission will continue to place emphasis on the need for a satisfactory number of suitable horses being available for the size and nature of the meetings for which Commission approval is being sought.

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The views of the Commission are well known and appreciated by all individuals and organizations involved in Harness racing in this Province and they are anxious and willing to co-operate in anyway possible to achieve the desired goal.

The 1967 harness meeting conducted at Edmonton was more adequately staffed by a larger number of better qualified racing personnel and better managed than most previous meetings conducted in this Province. In the view of the Commission, this factor, combined with the improved number and quality of the horses, contributed more than anything else to the greatly improved public acceptance of harness racing, as indicated by the statistical information which is attached hereto in Schedule "B" and which forms a part of this Report.

GENERAL

11. REVENUE & EXPENDITURE

The records of the Commission have been audited and reviewed by the Provincial Auditor and the following is the audited statement of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Commission for the twelve months ended December 31st., 1967:

REVENUE:

Thoroughbred Racing:		
Race Meeting Assessments	\$ 35,750.00	
Personnel Licenses	8,901.50	
Fines	<u>1,450.00</u>	\$ 46,101.50
Harness Racing:		
Race Meeting Assessments	8,820.00	
Personnel Licenses	<u>481.00</u>	9,301.00
Miscellaneous, nett		<u>233.14</u>
		\$ 55,635.64

EXPENDITURE:

Stewards' Fees & Expenses	\$ 13,658.95	
Veterinarians' Fees & Expenses	12,075.00	
Commissioners' Salaries	10,500.00	
Office Wages	5,044.00	
Judge's Fees	2,500.00	
Printing, Stationery & Office Supplies	2,863.31	
Tattooing	1,153.99	
Membership Fees	761.75	
Office Rent	930.00	
Travelling	2,753.10	
Hearings & Appeals	252.90	
Telephone, Telegraph, & Postage	707.91	
Canada Pension Plan Contributions	375.46	
Legal Fees	153.30	
Insurances	625.60	
Miscellaneous	<u>74.27</u>	\$ 54,429.54

Excess of Revenue over Expenditure \$ 1,206.10

The following is a statement of the cash position of the Commission as at December 31st., 1967:

Surplus as at January 1st., 1967		\$ 12,053.76
Add: Excess of Revenue over Expenditure for the 12 months ended December 31st., 1967		<u>1,206.10</u>
		13,259.86
Deduct: Remitted to Provincial Treasurer		<u>2,053.76</u>
		<u>\$ 11,206.10</u>
Represented by:		
Cash in Bank	\$ 6,206.10	
Short Term Investment	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 11,206.10</u>

In keeping with authority granted by O.C.1012-66, \$10,000.00 of the accumulated surplus will be retained by the Commission as an appropriate reserve fund against unforeseen or unpredictable contingencies or emergencies. The Balance of \$ 1,206.10 will be remitted to the Provincial Treasurer.

The financial policy of the Commission continues to be one of attempting to achieve a close balance between Revenue and Expenditure from year to year. The foregoing statement of Revenue and Expenditure indicates that this objective is being achieved reasonably well.

By far the largest portion of the Revenue of the Commission is derived from Associations and others who conduct race meetings, with lesser sums earned from personnel license fees and fines levied against Licensees for infractions or violations of the Rules of the Commission governing racing. The method of calculating race meeting assessments paid by those conducting race meetings remains the same. The assessment or fee for a race

meeting is in an amount sufficient to reimburse the Commission for the cost of providing officials for the meeting, plus a pro-rata portion of the balance of the cost of maintaining the office and services of the Commission (after Revenue earned from License fees and Fines has been deducted) in relation to the pari-mutuel wagering handled by the Association conducting the race meeting during its previous year's meeting. The Commission feels that this formula continues to be fair to all concerned. It also continues to feel that the amount of race meeting fees or assessments and license fees being paid by race Associations and personnel are fair and reasonable and that as far as can be determined at this time, they should remain reasonably steady in the immediate future.

12. RACE TRACK SECURITY

The matter of security practices and policies at race tracks is one of prime importance to the Commission. The Commission continues to feel that one of the greatest needs in horse racing, in the public good, is the provision and maintenance of a qualified organization which can be used for security, investigations, and surveillance requirements, both on and off race tracks and on a continuous basis. The Commission can only repeat what it has stated in the past that it appears that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is best qualified and able to meet these requirements. Towards this end, the Commission has continued its discussions with those responsible for the provision of law enforcement agencies in this Province.

13. HORSE TATTOOING

The Commission continues to consider that complete and thorough identification of all horses entered for racing, both thoroughbred and harness, is essential in the public good and that tattooing is the best means devised so far to ensure this requirement. Accordingly, the Rules of the Commission governing Thoroughbred racing require that all horses entered for racing must be tattooed for identification purposes. In the case of harness horses, the Canadian Trotting Association continues its programme of tattooing all harness horses which come under its jurisdiction, so that at the close of the 1967 season, the tattooing programme which the Association embarked upon in 1966 had been brought up to date. The Commission will maintain its insistence on the complete tattooing of all horses registered to race in Alberta and in doing so, it feels confident that it will have the full support and co-operation of all concerned.

14. COMMUNITY RACE MEETINGS

The Commission, once again, licensed community organizations at Lake McGregor, Millarville and Stettler to conduct race meetings with pari-mutuel wagering. In addition, meetings at High River and Taber were licensed in 1967. The Commission was represented at all meetings by Mr. H. E. Patten, Calgary, who acted as Commission Steward. His presence, advice and assistance were appreciated by those responsible for the conduct of the meetings and in his reports, Mr. Patten indicated that all the Rules and other requirements of the Commission were upheld. Indications are that the five communities named will continue their racing activities during the coming year and that, in addition, there will be a demand for

meetings to be conducted at other centres throughout the Province. Such meetings appear to be popular events in their respective communities and command considerable public approval and support.

15. RACE ASSOCIATIONS AND RACE MEETINGS

Members of the Commission continued their visits to all race meetings to observe the conduct of racing. Their attendance at the meetings included inspections of the facilities, equipment, personnel and services being provided and used by race track owners and operators. As a result of these inspections and recommendations made by its officials, the Commission continues to make recommendations, suggestions and requests for changes, additions and improvements which are considered to be either desirable or essential in the public good. It is pleased, once again, to be able to report that in every instance, the representations it has made have met with favourable response and requests made have either been fulfilled, or are in the process of fulfillment. Members of the Commission were also available throughout the year for consultation with race Association Officials and all others, whether directly connected with, or otherwise interested in some phase of racing in Alberta. The place of the Commission is now firmly established and the responsibilities it has to fulfil under the Alberta Racing Commission Act and in the public good are now better understood and appreciated.

16. GENERAL

The Commission maintained its membership in the National Association of State Racing Commissioners and was represented at the

Annual Meeting of the Association, held at Miami, Fla., during the early part of the year. The Commission was also invited and was represented at the annual meeting of the National Association of Canadian Racetracks, Inc., held at Toronto, also early in the year. This latter Association has as its membership most of the race track owners and operators in Canada and has as its object and purpose the furthering of the best interests of all those directly connected with the conduct of race tracks and horse racing in this country. At both meetings, matters of importance and interest to racing Commissions were reviewed and discussed and the Commission feels that its attendance was worthwhile and of value to the functions and duties of the Commission in Alberta.

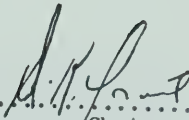
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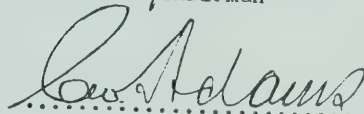
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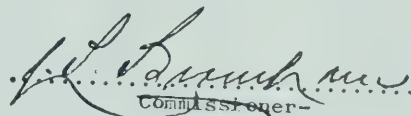
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Mr. I. W. Parsons, General Manager and staff Calgary Exhibition and Stampede Ltd.,
Mr. Lee S. Williams, President and Mr. N. L. Chapman, General Manager, Southern Alberta Racing Association Limited,
Lord Roderick Gordon, President, Alberta Thoroughbred Association,
Mr. Ken. Amthor, President, Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association
Mr. Emil Roy, Secretary-Manager, Jockeys' Benefit Association of Canada,
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Mr. H. A. Dickenson, President and Mr. Gordon M. Findlay, Secretary, Canadian Trotting Association,
Mr. S. B. Pratt, Chief, Race Track Supervision, Canada Department of Agriculture.

Respectfully submitted.

Dated at the City of Edmonton
Province of Alberta
this 2nd. day of Feb. 1968


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Chairman


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Vice-Chairman


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Commissioner-Secretary

PARI-MUTUEL STATISTICS

SCHEDULE "A"

THOROUGHBRED RACING - 1967 & 1966

	Racing Days		No. of Races		Attendance		Amount Wagered	
	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966
CALGARY	45	42	362	336	278,478	151,648	10,336,920.00	8,578,365.00
EDMONTON	44	40	352	320	259,620	221,698	13,689,366.00	11,896,806.00
LETHBRIDGE	9	8	68	59	11,050	6,480	568,434.00	434,382.00
HIGH RIVER	1	-	8	-	850	-	6,006.00	-
LAKE MCGREGOR	2	2	16	16	1,814	2,451	9,922.00	11,938.00
MILLARVILLE	1	1	8	8	3,920	6,000	33,758.00	25,494.00
STETTLER	2	2	16	14	738	875	9,368.00	7,240.00
TABER	1	-	8	-	750	-	8,414.00	-
	<u>105</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>838</u>	<u>753</u>	<u>557,220</u>	<u>389,152</u>	<u>\$24,662,188.00</u>	<u>\$20,954,225.00</u>

Pari - Mutuel Percentages

Breaks

	1967	1966	1967	1966
CALGARY	930,322.80	772,052.85	61,448.92	51,024.26
EDMONTON	1,232,042.94	1,070,712.54	80,423.42	64,183.23
LETHBRIDGE	51,159.06	39,094.38	4,252.10	3,389.49
HIGH RIVER	540.54	-	70.03	-
LAKE MCGREGOR	892.98	1,074.42	86.51	116.89
MILLARVILLE	3,038.22	2,294.46	336.19	204.27
STETTLER	843.12	651.60	106.14	82.60
TABER	757.26	-	71.87	-
	<u>\$ 2,219,596.92</u>	<u>1,885,880.25</u>	<u>146,795.18</u>	<u>119,000.74</u>

Total Retained

Alberta Government Tax

	1967	1966	1967	1966
CALGARY	991,771.72	823,077.11	516,846.00	428,918.25
EDMONTON	1,312,466.36	1,134,895.77	684,468.30	594,840.30
LETHBRIDGE	55,411.16	42,483.87	28,421.70	21,719.10
HIGH RIVER	610.57	-	300.30	-
LAKE MC GREGOR	979.49	1,191.31	496.10	596.90
MILLARVILLE	3,374.41	2,498.73	1,687.90	1,274.70
STETTLER	949.26	734.20	468.40	362.00
TABER	829.13	-	420.70	-
	<u>\$ 2,366,392.10</u>	<u>2,004,880.99</u>	<u>1,233,109.40</u>	<u>1,047,711.25</u>

Nett Gate Receipts

Gross Prize Money

	1967	1966	1967	1966
CALGARY	875,518.75	87,648.00	522,100.00	482,005.00
EDMONTON	204,989.00	189,963.30	580,630.00	538,095.00
LETHBRIDGE	7,736.00	6,480.00	29,800.00	26,350.00
HIGH RIVER	520.00	-	1,095.00	-
LAKE MC GREGOR	1,965.00	3,309.00	1,330.00	1,415.00
MILLARVILLE	3,466.00	3,642.50	1,802.00	2,070.00
STETTLER	616.00	644.75	1,150.00	1,240.00
TABER	456.00	-	750.00	-
	<u>\$ 1,095,266.75</u>	<u>291,687.55</u>	<u>1,138,657.00</u>	<u>1,051,175.00</u>

Source - Chief, Race Track Supervision, Canada Department of Agriculture

PARI-MUTUEL STATISTICS
HARNESS RACING - 1967 & 1966

SCHEDULE "B"

	Racing days		No. of Races		Attendance		Amount Wagered	
	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966
Calgary	--	11	--	110	--	10,646	---	400,189.00
Edmonton	42	42	416	414	99,225	78,670	4,377,075.00	3,926,300.00
	42	53	416	524	99,225	89,316	\$ 4,377,075.00	\$ 4,326,489.00
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	Pari-Mutuel Percentages		Breaks	
	1967	1966	1967	1966
Calgary	---	36,017.01	---	3,172.29
Edmonton	393,936.75	353,367.00	28,075.73	27,988.39
	\$ 393,936.75	\$ 389,384.01	\$ 28,075.73	\$ 31,160.68
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	Total Retained		Alberta Gov- ernment Tax	
	1967	1966	1967	1966
Calgary	---	39,189.30	---	20,009.45
Edmonton	422,012.48	381,355.39	218,853.75	196,315.00
	\$ 422,012.48	\$ 420,544.69	\$ 218,853.75	\$ 216,324.45
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	Nett Gate Receipts		Gross Prize Money	
	1967	1966	1967	1966
Calgary	---	8,158.00	---	43,248.00
Edmonton	65,539.00	64,648.00	179,959.00	151,399.00
	\$ 65,539.00	\$ 72,806.00	\$ 179,959.00	\$ 194,647.00
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Source - Chief, Race Track Supervision, Canada Department of Agriculture.

